to take appropriate and timely action. Efforts are being made to increase the production. Commodities which are in short supply are being imported to supplement their easy availability in the market. Import of sugar and edible oils, have been placed under OGL; pulses can also be imported at 10 per cent import duty. Public Distribution System is being strengthend and streamlined so that its benefits reach even in the inaccessible areas. Stringent action against hoarders, blackmarketeers and such other anti-social elements is being taken under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and similar other legislations.

Instances of malpractices in Super Bazar

732. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of malpractices having taken place that have come to the notice in the purchase of items/disposal thereof in the Super Bazar Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof and action taken thereon by the General Manager of Super Bazar;

(c) the steps taken to revamp and revitalise the Super Bazar;

(d) whether there is any proposal to involve the Super Bazar in the Public Distribution System by directing it to open Fair Price Shops in all its branch stores;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal for privatisation of Super Bazar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Three instances of irregularities in case of purchase have come to the notice of Super Bazar managements during the last three years. These were, one each in Grocery department, Footwear department and handloom department. On detection of the cases; disciplinary action was initiated against them. As a result of investigations major penalty was imposed on the officers wroking in these departments. The officer working in the handloom department expired before the penalty could be imposed on him.

(c) A continuous process of revamping and revitalisation of the functioning is being pursued by Super Bazar. These are computerisation of the various activities; introduction of automatic packing, renovation of the various Branch stores, incentive scheme for the employees to increase their productivity etc.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

भावी व्यापार पर नियंत्रण

733. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी :** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार भावी-व्यापार का नियंत्रण किस प्रकार करती है ;

(ख) इसका उद्देश्य क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या भावी योजनाएं हैं ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) वस्तुओं के भावी सौदा व्यापार पर नियंत्रण भारत